

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 28

BY SENATOR MCMATH

TEACHERS. Provides relative to associate teachers. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:7.8(B)(3), relative to the associate educator program; to
3 provide for participant requirements; to provide for an effective date; and to provide
4 for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:7.8(B)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §7.8. Associate educator program; authority; rules; participant requirements

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9 B. An individual who serves as a teacher through the program authorized by
10 this Section, referred to in this Section as a "participant", shall:

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12 (3) Be at least ~~twenty-five~~ **twenty-one** years of age.

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14 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
15 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
16 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
17 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

1 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

	DIGEST	
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Present law authorizes the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide for an associate educator program through which a governing authority of a public elementary or secondary school may authorize certain individuals with associate's degrees to serve as teachers.

Present law requires participants in the program to be at least 25 years of age.

Proposed law changes the required age from 25 to 21.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:7.8(B)(3))